GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

HM&FW Department – Declaration of Human Rabies as dangerous disease - Notification – Orders - Issued.

HEALTH, MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE (D2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.100 **Dated:19.05.2022**

Read the following :

1. Andhra Pradesh Public Health Act, 1939.
2. From Secretary, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India D.O.No.2283429/NRCP/DZDP-NCDC/DGHS, Dt.20.09.2021.
3. From the Commissioner, HFW, A.P., e-file No.1541840, dt.20.11.2021.

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O R D E R:

Rabies is one of the oldest recognized Zoonotic disease with extremely high fatality rate and causes extremely painful deaths where the patient suffers painful spasm and dies of extreme thirst and hunger because of hydrophobia. However, this fatal disease is completely preventable by timely and appropriate Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP).

2. There is a global call for Rabies Elimination i.e. Zero Deaths due to Rabies by 2030. The prevention, control and elimination of Rabies from a geographical area can only be achieved through strong surveillance and disease reporting system at all levels to guide appropriate public health measures and policy interventions. Hence mandatory notification of all Human Rabies cases is urgently required to strengthen the Rabies surveillance to know the disease incidence and accordingly prioritizing public health measures required to be undertaken both in human and veterinary sector. National Rabies Control Program (NRCP) is being implemented to address the issue of Rabies in India and under this program standard case definitions have been formulated for reporting any suspect, probable or confirmed case of Rabies in human and provision are made to report human deaths due to Rabies on Integrated Health Information Platform (IHIP).

3. Now, therefore, as per recommendations vide D.O.No.2283429/NRCP/DZCP-NCDC/DGHS, dt 20.09.2021 of Union Health Secretary, every suspect, probable and confirmed case of Rabies in human is to be notified to the District health Authorities, namely the District Medical and Health Officer in each district.

4. The Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby issue the following notification to be published in an Extra-ordinary issue of the Andhra Pradesh Gazette dated:19.05.2022.

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred under the Section 62 (I) of the Andhra Pradesh (Andhra Area) Public Health Act, 1939 as amended from time to time, the Government hereby declare that "Human Rabies" is a notified disease in the State for the purpose of the said Act and issue the following regulations on Human Rabies for implementation:

1. All the healthcare facilities (Government and private) will follow the guidelines for screening, diagnosis, management of Rabies, issued by MoHFW (Government of India)/NRCP/State Government and amended from time to time.

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2. All the healthcare facilities (Government and private) will report each and every suspect, probable and confirmed case of Rabies in human to the Commissioner, H. & FW through concerned District Medical & Health Officer and to the District Collectors.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner, Printing, Stationery and Stores Purchase, Vijayawada (2 copies) with a request to publish the notification in the AP Gazette
The Director of Health & Family Welfare, AP, Mangalagiri.
The Director of Public health & Family Welfare, AP, Vijayawada.
The Director of Medical Education, AP, Vijayawada.
The Commissioner, APVVP, Vijayawada.
All the DM&HOs in the State. (through DPH&FW)
All the District Co-Coordinator of Hospital Services in the State. (through Commissioner, APVVP)
All the Superintendents of the Teaching hospitals in the State. (through DME)
The PS/OSD to Hon'ble Minister (HMF & ME)
The Spl.C.S/Secretary to Hon`ble Chief Minister.
The Law Department.
Sc/Sf.(e-file.No.1541840)

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